

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing at least one material to a periodontal pocket comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry;

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member; and

a quantity of dry particles, at least a portion of the dry particles within the tip, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23, additionally comprising:
an external force applying member.

25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the handle includes:
a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and
a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;

the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:
a proximal end and a distal end; and
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

28-35. (cancelled)

36. (currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing material comprising:
a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry; and
a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary ~~blocking~~ locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

38. (original) The apparatus of claim 36, additionally comprising:
an external force applying member.

39. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

40. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the handle includes:
a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and
a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;

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the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

41. (original) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:
a proximal end and a distal end; and
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

42-46. (cancelled)

47-48. (cancelled)

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the body portion of the barrel further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the flexible flanges are designed to move radially outward and inward.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the body portion of the barrel further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the flexible flanges are designed to move radially outward and inward.